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<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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1.  The amendment filed on 06 April 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a)  entered.
- b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d)  disapproved. See explanation below.
- e)  entered in part. See explanation below.

**DETAILED ACTION**

1. The amendment filed on 06 April 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been entered. Original claim 31 (renumbered as claim 22) was amended to correct its dependency from cancelled original claim 30 to allowed claim 24 (renumbered as claim 16). Since cancelled claim 30 was dependent from original claim 24 during its pendency, it is apparent that original claim 31 should have been amended to depend from original claim 24 when claim 30 was cancelled. Therefore, the amendment does not alter the scope of claims.

***Conclusion***

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason M. Greene whose telephone number is (571) 272-1157. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:00 AM to 5:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Blaine Copenheaver can be reached on (571) 272-1156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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